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Baitsbite Lock in the 1960s

congestion could be removed.

But if it became a choice of either the spine relief road or of widening Magdalene Street then they would choose the latter alternative.

Fish in peril –1948

POLLUTION of the river Cam above Baitsbite Lock, which resulted in thousands of fish dying, was described at a meeting of the Federation of Anglers as "appalling and dreadful".

Mr C. Baxter stated that, on Wednesday evening, the lock was "absolutely clogged" with fish of every conceivable type, not dead, but on top of the water, gasping.

Super shopping - 1938

THE West End comes to Cambridge. Paris House, the beautiful new fashion rendezvous in Sussex Street, caters specifically for the high-class trade.

The inner court, richly executed in Indian Padouk and Australian Walnut, displays the most lovely garments, becoming the rendezvous for ladies of taste.

Crematorium - 1937

CAMBRIDGE and Counties Crematorium Ltd was incorporated on June 8, 1936, to establish a crematorium on an attractive site on the main Huntingdon Road with a chapel, incinerating chambers, columbaria for the reception of urns, and waiting rooms.

The borough council has decided not to proceed with a municipal crematorium so this will be the only one within 50 to 60 miles and has every prospect of success.

The company's revenue will consist, not only of fees for cremations, but also for the storage of urns and for niches.

Prison safe - 1929

THE government office of works has made arrangements for the records at present stored in the old prison on Castle Hill to be removed from Cambridge to another disused gaol.

It is their policy to concentrate such records at Canterbury.

The governor's house at the old prison will be adapted to provide temporary accommodation for county council staff and rooms in the prison gatehouse used for storage purposes. This has released accommodation at the county hall for other departments

Taking tea - 1927

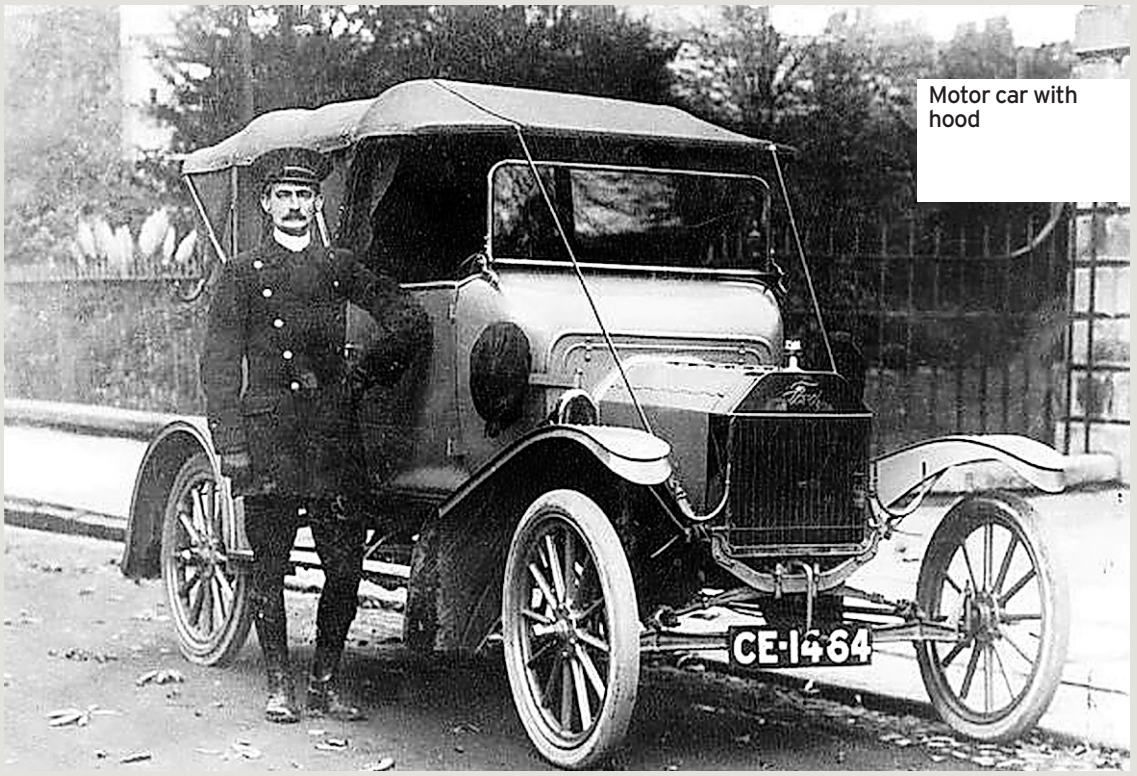
THE fascinating experience of lunching in Cambridge in the atmosphere of our Elizabethan forefathers is made possible by the opening of new rooms at Messrs Matthew's Café in Trinity Street.

They have acquired the two upper storeys of the building and turned rooms which were formerly part of a lodging house into a charming medieval retreat.

The original beams and window frames remain as well as some beautiful old carvings and the rooms have been furnished in the style of the period.

Pains having been taken to secure faithful reproductions even down to lamps and pewter pots.

Sussex Street 1938 MIKE PETTY


Motor car with hood

Open top, better health - 1929

Sir, It is extraordinary that, in an age when the importance of fresh air is being recognised, the open motor car body should be apparently on the verge of extinction.

Few saloon cars are adequately ventilated and, on a long journey, the choice is between a draught and a headache caused by fumes from the engine percolating into the body.

To people advanced in years, the closed car is probably wise but to young people taking so freely to such an enervating mode of transport is pitiable.

The excuse is that our climate is so uncertain that a closed car is necessary but I motor for hours every day of the year and rarely find it necessary to put the hood up

from Saloonatic

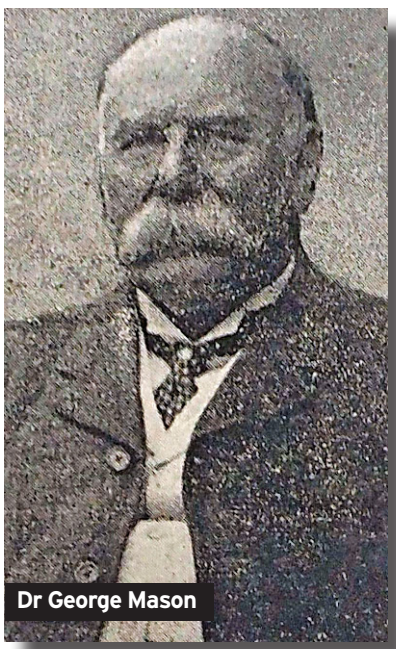
Tears of a ground - 1926

THE name of a well-known onion – Nuneham Park – as a fitting one for the new recreation ground at Newnham, because of the many tears it has caused on the ground of cost, was suggested by Councillor Edwards at Cambridge council.

Another name proposed was Lamentations Land as a perpetual reminder that they had been guilty of the most extravagant and wilful expenditure of public money.

Finally, the council decided on Lammas Land.

It would signify that the ground formerly opened during certain seasons of the year was now closed permanently against any private owner's rights and the public had the rights for the whole of the year.


Dr George Mason

Bone-setter's revenge - 1920

DR George Mason, the well-known Wisbech bonesetter, was famed over a wide area for his skill at setting and restoring broken and dislocated bones and was a very able specialist in these operations.

Patients came from far afield and cases were often accommodated at the Black Horse Inn opposite his residence in Wisbech in order that he might be able to watch their progress.

His father, John Minnitt Mason, was quite as eagerly consulted.

One night, he was riding along the Sutton road when he was stopped by a masked footpad who knocked him off his horse and commenced rifling his pockets.

Mr Mason seized the man and, with quick jerks, dislocated both his shoulders. This enabled him to escape.

The next day a new patient turned up at his house for treatment.

The nature of the injuries told who he was and the bonesetter was in the peculiar position of having that would be robber at his mercy.

The practice of bone setting that was carried on by the family during three generations has now lapsed.

Lower fees cost the Perse - 1900

THE action taken by the technical education committee in opening technical day schools in Cambridge has brought about a situation that is of the highest interest to the future of education in the town.

To put the matter plainly, the governors of the Perse School conceive that the new schools, at which the fees are much lower, threaten their prosperity, if not their very existence.

They say that boys are likely to leave the Perse – indeed it is an open secret that some have already left.

There is no doubt that the Perse is no longer what it once was – a school for the children of persons of small incomes.

Fees of up to £20 a year must depend entirely upon the well-to-do.